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## Trading forests for fuel

Ohio lawmakers to consider drilling for oil in protected state parks



Illustration by Wayne Silasi. BG News

By Josh Comer  
REPORTER

Environmental groups are worried that climbing home heating costs will cause those in the Ohio General Assembly to no longer see state forests for the trees, but for the valuable fuel contained in the soil.

Introduced in October by Republican Sen. Jeffry Armbruster, Ohio Senate Bill 193 would create a board to lease public land to private companies, lifting barriers to drilling for oil and natural gas in state parks.

"As fuel prices increase, I believe one of the most important ways we can offset that trend is by finding ways to increase production as well," Armbruster said.

Groups like the Ohio Environmental Council and the Ohio State Public Interest Group disagree with Armbruster's proposed approach, calling the measure damaging to sensitive ecosystems and shortsighted.

"The bill has one group of benefactors, oil and natural gas companies, but hurts the other 11 million people living in the state of Ohio," said Jack Shaner, public affairs director for the OEC.

Shaner said that the amount of fuel that could potentially be found on public land would have a negligible impact on consumer gas and oil prices compared to the harm wells could cause to currently protected habitats. Amy Gombert, Environmental Associate for the Ohio state PIRG, echoed that message, saying that only 3 percent of land suitable for drilling in Ohio is on the state-owned property that this bill would open to companies.

Those in the oil and gas industry disagree, saying that those off-limits resources are an important part of the solution to Ohio's energy shortage.

"There is no one source of energy that is going to solve everything," said Thomas Stewart, Executive Vice President of the Ohio Oil and Gas Association.

Accessing natural gas and oil unreachable under current law is needed to slow the rise of heating costs, Stewart said.

Gombert said any monetary benefits to consumers would be temporary due to the exhaust-

## Remembering a music legend

Daughter preserves her father's legacy by touring the country

By Dave Herrera  
REPORTER

Over 200 people flowed into Koblacker Hall Friday to hear Jamie Bernstein, daughter of the late and legendary composer Leonard Bernstein, speak about her father's life, her life with him and her love of his music.

Leonard Bernstein is probably best known as the writer of "West Side Story," which was later made into an Academy Award-winning film. He conducted the New York Philharmonic Orchestra as its music director for 11 years and wrote over 40 original works before his death in 1990.



JAMIE BERNSTEIN

Jamie Bernstein's speech, "10 Prerequisites to Being a Great Music Educator," was part of the College of Musical Arts' Band Music Reading and Directors Clinic. It was only the latest appearance on her nonstop tour of sorts to preserve her father's legacy, which she says has been slowly declining into the 20th century.

"I do a lot of Young People's Concerts — around the world, actually," referring to the television shows the elder Bernstein would broadcast several times a year. She noted China and Havana, Cuba as just two of her stops.

Bruce Moss, the director of bands at the University, said that the opportunity for

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## A NEW YEAR



Jordan Flower. BG News

**CHINESE NEW YEAR:** Yanping Su preformed a traditional Chinese dance last night at the celebration dinner. The year of the dog will actually begin next weekend.

## GSS proposal would promote energy-savvy cars on campus

Owners of hybrids could park for free with GSS legislation

By Cassandra Shofar  
REPORTER

In addition to saving on gas money and promoting a healthier environment, hybrid vehicles may give students freebies on parking fees.

"Bowling Green has done a lot to try to improve environmental awareness on campus ... this is just another step in that direction," said graduate student Matthew Hoostal at the Graduate Student Senate meeting on Friday.

While Hoostal isn't a member of the GSS, he helped Mamoon Al-Rshaidat — GSS representative of the biological sciences depart-

ment — develop this legislation, which requests that parking fees be waived for students who own hybrid vehicles.

The GSS vote passed the legislation, but there were some mixed opinions about whether waiving the parking fees is really going to make a difference in how many people buy hybrid vehicles.

However, Hoostal believes this legislation is meant to make a positive statement for the University, and may also lead other Ohio schools to consider similar actions.

"It can bring good publicity to BG," Hoostal said. "[And] if BG gets in the forefront of this movement to add incentives for people to buy hybrids, maybe more people will jump on the bandwagon."

On the contrary, some people

believe that waiving parking fees doesn't say much and isn't worth giving students the freebie.

"I just think people owning hybrids already got the benefit of owning a hybrid. Why should the University subsidize that?" said GSS Representative-at-Large Mark Swihart.

Also discussed at the meeting was legislation proposed by Swihart. Under the proposed legislation, students under the University health care insurance would be given the option to not buy mental health coverage, which is currently required.

"Why should you force [students] to have that coverage when the University already offers those services?" Swihart said, adding that he believes mental health

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## Worship on campus

Choirs from Ohio and Michigan come together to worship

By Johnny Payne  
REPORTER

"Hallelujah!" may have been the most popular word of this weekend as eight gospel choirs from all over the region descended on the Union ballroom to perform in the Third Annual BGSU Gospel Festival last Friday and Saturday.

"The purpose of this event is to celebrate gospel music through unity, music, and fellowship," the vice president of the University's choir, Hurley J. Coleman, said. "This weekend has made Bowling Green, Ohio the center of attention for the gospel music industry."

Friday night's event, called The College Blowout, featured

gospel choirs hailing from universities across Ohio and Michigan. Each choir was allotted two musical selections for its performance, which, according to Coleman, "gives each choir a platform to express themselves musically."

But at 7 p.m. — the designated starting time for the event — the Union ballroom was almost empty, aside from the band, which was conducting a sound-check, and the ushers, who were awaiting the arrival of the crowd. Coleman anticipated that the crowd would reach 2,000 people.

By 7:30 p.m. the room was nearly full of people, many of whom were already dancing and singing, and at 8 p.m., the festivities finally got under way.

The opening prayer given by Landon McCarroll set the bar for the kind of intense energy that

would be found on stage for the rest of the evening.

McCarroll briskly paced the large stage set up in the middle of the ballroom, vigorously praying and inserting the words "Oh, God" in between every sentence.

The music and song began during the "Praise and Worship" portion of the festival, which got the crowd clapping, dancing and bobbing their heads to the music. Those who were familiar with the words sang along, and pairs of raised hands could be seen throughout the audience until the end of the song.

The master of ceremonies, Wesley Moore, took the stage after a welcome address given by the University's gospel choir president.

Moore, in a booming voice,

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### FOUR-DAY FORECAST

The four-day forecast is taken from weather.com

#### TUESDAY



Partly Cloudy  
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Low: 26°

#### WEDNESDAY



Partly Cloudy  
High: 32°  
Low: 23°

#### THURSDAY



Sunny  
High: 37°  
Low: 26°

#### FRIDAY



Partly Cloudy  
High: 40°  
Low: 32°

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## Visiting choirs stir up Union ballroom



**'PRAISE GOD':** The gospel choir kicks off the 3rd annual gospel fest Friday night, the event brought eight choirs and nearly 1,500 people.

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delivered a stirring speech during which he urged the crowd to "stand up and make some noise for God."

"We're not here to entertain anybody," he said. "We're here to worship God."

The audience remained standing for the BGSU Gospel Choir's performance, which left junior Aquilla Weadon very moved.

Weadon, who has participated in the festival before, said everyone always leaves the event with a smile on their face.

"It's very moving and spiritual," she said. "It really heightens your spiritual intellect."

Jarrett McClellan, a senior at the University of Toledo who worked alongside Weadon at the event, agreed.

"It's great to bring all these college Christians together to express their musical gifts," he said. "It really gives us a sense of release."

Performances by the Gospel Choir from Oakland University in Michigan and the Eastern Michigan University's choir were the highlights of the evening, which came to a close as McCarroll — who recited the opening prayer — delivered the benediction.

"I really liked all of the choirs, but I must say Eastern Michigan's was phenomenal," McClellan said.

The festival, which was sponsored by the BGSU Gospel Choir, continued on Saturday with a seminar and a series of musical performances by some of gospel music's most popular artists, such as Rock Nation Movement.

## Inspirational tribute

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Bernstein to speak was a "unique angle" for students.

"She is an arts advocate, she's a writer, and she has a various bag of tricks in the speeches that she gives that either promote her father's music or promote music education in general," Moss said.

Moss hoped that students found "mystique" in hearing the stories of growing up in the Bernstein home.

"They know that she's a blood relative of one of the geniuses of the last century," he said.

In an interview, Bernstein said it has become easier for his works to become lost in the shuffle since his death in 1990.

"He's not physically here and he's not making new recordings," she said.

Bernstein said she takes great pride in being able to have a job so closely related to her father's work.

"It's a very gratifying job, of course, because he's fabulous," she said. "You don't have to work too hard to convince [people] that he's great."

Bernstein spoke for around an hour and held a question and answer session with the audience. Her enthusiasm was obvious, as she virtually ignored the existence of her podium for most of the time, and instead roamed around the stage.

Later that night, she appeared at a concert with the University's Symphonic Band to provide the narration to Aaron Copland and Walter Beeler's "Lincoln Portrait."

"What my father was really good at was communicating the fun of music ... to sit and listen to great music being performed," Bernstein said. "That's the part of the legacy that I'm most interested in sharing."

"It's like continuing the tradition," she said.

Bernstein divided her speech into sections on the "inward"

and "outward" personalities of her father, a system that she said has been, after several years of trying, the most effective.

"Those two sides to him ... together just made this dynamic, incredible human being," she told the crowd.

She called the inward part of her father his composer side, discussing his struggles and eventual triumphs as a "25-year-old skinny Jewish American guy" in New York City attempting to succeed as an artist.

At the same time, she said, he "desperately" wanted to be a part of the academic music world, an endeavor which would often fail him.

"He just kind of was what he was, and not everybody liked what he was," she said. "He was not pretentious and he was not faking anything ... and that's rare."

Stephanie Hogenkam, of St. John's High School in Delphos, Ohio, was one of the hundreds of high school students at BG for the weekend

clinic and attended Bernstein's speech. She said that the speech had inspired her to want to look at some of Leonard Bernstein's work when she got home.

"I just like how she talked about her dad inspiring her so much," she said.

Sharah Stebelton, from Bloom Carroll High School in Carroll, Ohio, liked hearing about the elder Bernstein himself, from Jamie Bernstein's unique perspective.

*"They know ... she's a blood relative of one of the geniuses of the last century."*

BRUCE MOSS, BAND DIRECTOR

## Rehab favored over jail for first-time DUIs

Programs combine treatment, sentences for drunk drivers

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Convicted drunken drivers living at an Akron jail don't have cell doors or bars on their windows and can watch cable television, wear jeans and sleep in bedding from home.

Elsewhere in Ohio, first-time

offenders can check into hotels for treatment programs that allow breaks for working on laptops and listening to music.

Critics of these alternate sentences being offered to drunken drivers say the punishments aren't harsh enough.

"This is all about stopping the behavior so it doesn't happen again," said David Scoles, executive director for Mothers Against Drunk Driving in

Ohio.

Defenders of hotel programs for first-time offenders say the sentences focus on treatment and shouldn't be considered punishment.

"It's really intervention," said Debbie Gershel, a prevention coordinator at Dublin Counseling in suburban Columbus.

And Bernie Rochford, executive vice president of Oriana

House, a treatment center that runs the Glenwood Jail in Akron, says studies have shown that combining jail time with treatment can be more effective.

"What we've found is it's a lot better to have them do both at the same time," he said.

Convicted drunken drivers in Ohio are required to serve

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## Legislators work to get more money for colleges

Bill could mean that graduates will earn more for universities

CLEVELAND (AP) — State lawmakers are looking at a plan to offer more state money to colleges based on how many students graduate.

It's another idea to make Ohio

more competitive in today's economy, say its sponsors, state Sens. Randy Gardner of Bowling Green and Joy Padgett of Coshocton, both Republicans.

The details have yet to be worked out, but the two senators introduced the plan recently to the Inter-University Council of Ohio, a group of college presidents.

"Because of our long history of being a manufacturing state, there hasn't been much incentive to have a college degree," Gardner said. "But with the economy we're in now, we need more students and we need more graduates right now."

Roderick Chu, chancellor of the Ohio Board of Regents, said the incentive money is a good

idea. Universities would have to do more to help students who are destined to drop out, he said.

"Higher education has been sort of a sorting and filtering system, making sure only the best and brightest get through," Chu said. "The problem right now in

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### CORRECTIONS

#### Photograph credit incorrect on Friday

Friday's issue of The BG News, the photos of basketball player Julie Gompers in "Gaining a whole new perspective" were taken by Jordan Flower, not Julie DiFranco.



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## OHIO TWINS GET PROBATION FOR 'PRANK'

NEWARK, Ohio (AP) — A judge sentenced twin sisters to probation for posting death threats against their high school classmates on a Web site, which they said was a prank. Hanaa and Namaa Babieh, 16, apologized Friday in Licking County Juvenile Court. The blog site is popular with teenagers.

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Clinic  
Kobacker, Moore Musical Arts  
Center

6:30 p.m.  
Men's Chorus bachelor/worker  
fundraiser auction.  
Union Ballroom

8 p.m.  
Symphonic Band Performance  
Kobacker, Moore Musical Arts  
Center

## EXHIBITION



**ARTISTIC PRECISION:** Sophomore Erin Gerard, a 2-D Studies major, puts the finishing touches on her piece for the annual Undergraduate Art and Design Exhibition that will be held from Feb. 14 to March 1.

Pat Dorsman BG News

## BG NEWS

## BRIEFING

CWRU shooter will  
get life sentence

CLEVELAND (AP) — A jury yesterday recommended life in prison without parole for a former graduate student who killed one student and wounded two others during a seven-hour siege inside Case Western Reserve University's business school.

Biswanath Halder was convicted last month of killing Norman Wallace during the 2003 shooting spree and standoff.

He could have received the death penalty, but the jury rejected the ultimate sentence during two days of deliberations. Judge Peggy Foley Jones, who must formally decide Halder's fate, put off sentencing until Feb. 17.

Psychologists had testified that Halder is sane but delusional, and his attorneys argued that the 65-year-old's life should be spared because he is mentally ill. Defense attorneys acknowledged he was the gunman.

"We're just happy they [the jury] fell on the side of giving him life," defense attorney Kevin Cafferkey said. "But he will serve the rest of life in prison and will never, ever leave a jail cell, and I feel comfortable with that."

Cuyahoga County Prosecutor Bill Mason said Halder deserved the death penalty.

"While we are disappointed that Mr. Halder will not receive the maximum punishment for his deadly siege, we hope that his victims and their families can take some comfort in the fact that Mr. Halder will never again see the light of day," Mason said.

Halder, originally from Calcutta, India, attacked the school armed with more than 1,000 rounds of ammunition because he believed a school computer lab employee hacked into his Web site that was devoted to helping fellow India natives form businesses, prosecutors said.

## Statistics reveal false campus crime rates

Desire to improve  
university image  
results in deception

By Sarah Goldfarb

U-WIRE

UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa. — At least three Pennsylvania universities have recently come under fire for shoddy campus crime-reporting practices, but officials say students shouldn't worry about the numbers at Pennsylvania State University.

After an investigation by The Philadelphia Inquirer showed more sexual assaults and burglaries had occurred at West Chester University than were reported to the U.S. Department of Education, the university was forced to revise the original figures.

Other Philadelphia-area schools, including LaSalle University, Drexel University

and, in 1998, the University of Pennsylvania, were also found to have incorrectly reported data to the federal government.

Penn State University Police Director Bruce Kline said that although he feels an obligation to give the correct information to the public, gathering the numbers is frustrating at times.

"It is a nuisance, but it's probably easier here than in a city like Philadelphia," he said.

The legislation says police have to report offenses on property and public areas adjacent to the campus, Kline said.

"Does that mean the sidewalk? Beaver Ave.? How far do you go?" he said. It's an issue police have to deal with, he said.

Kline said that once Penn State designated the on- and off-campus boundaries, the process of reporting crimes became easier. The university decided to include

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S. BELL, WEST CHESTER SPKSMN.

College Avenue and its sidewalk in the on-campus statistics—everything past those parameters, including fraternities, is included in the off-campus numbers.

Penn State spokesman Tysen Kendig said Penn State has not had too many complications with reporting crimes either on or off campus.

"It is a common problem with universities as big as Penn State," he said. "But Penn State, and State College in general, is one of the safest environments in this

country."

The Clery Act, named for Jeanne Ann Clery, a Lehigh University student who was raped and murdered in her dorm room in April 1986, requires all colleges to annually report crimes such as murder, aggravated assault and robbery, according to SecurityonCampus.org.

When college campuses across the nation announced their annual crime statistics, the data showed eight sexual offenses had occurred at Penn State in 2004, while West Chester University reported only one.

"I thought I was attending a very safe school," West Chester student Amanda Hunter said. "It seemed kind of strange to me that such little crime was happening, but I believed the statistics."

Catherine Bath, executive director of Security on Campus, a national organization devoted to safer campuses, said she believes only half of all schools are report-

ing the correct figures to the government. "This is not just an issue of schools in big cities," she said.

In the U. S. Department of Justice study, some colleges reported that while working with local police to obtain the off-campus statistics, the police departments were often uncooperative, and some colleges were unable to acquire the accurate information.

"We are fortunate we don't have that problem at Penn State," Kline said.

Stephen Bell, West Chester spokesman, said the school's incorrect numbers were a result of The Clery Act's confusing requirements.

Bath said she thinks the inaccurate reporting of figures stems from a desire of colleges to improve their image.

"It's all about looking better to the public," she said. "They need to care more about students getting the truth about what's going on at their campus."

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*"It's only a matter of time."*Osama bin Laden  
(newsweek.com)

## STAFF EDITORIAL

## Legislators eye oil in state parks

Rapidly rising oil and heating costs have led legislators in Columbus to seek alternative ways of lowering costs.

Republican Sen. Jeffery Armbruster introduced Ohio Senate bill 193 in October.

The bill would lift barriers to drilling for oil and natural gas on public property — property that includes state parks.

Executives in the oil industry clearly have profit interests at heart and favor passing the bill. Supporters argue that Ohio

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residents could benefit from a larger state oil supply.

Ohio Oil and Gas Association's executive vice president has the opinion that acknowledging risks

will minimize potential damage to the environment.

We at the BG News believe this is exactly the wrong solution to the problem.

The small number of state parks and public lands are set aside for protection, not to use as a pool of cheap resources.

Oil executives note that every worthy venture holds risk, but it's not worth risking irreplaceable public lands.

Resources on public lands are currently off-limits and they

should remain this way.

Those opposing the bill say there isn't enough oil in public lands to lower oil costs for the long term.

Legislators in Columbus apparently have no plans to preserve the state for future generations.

Searching for new sources of oil is also on the national agenda as the Arctic National Wildlife refuge reportedly is also targeted for drilling.

Look no further than Bowling Green for alternative

energy sources.

Windmills harvest energy that seems to be in endless supply — at least in this part of the state.

Although they may not provide the most attractive sight in a state park, they don't have the potential to kill wildlife and destroy habitats as oil would if there were a spill.

The city of Bowling Green is setting an example for surrounding areas as to the benefit of using renewable energy sources.

About 20 percent of the

city's energy comes from renewable resources.

In addition to the windmills, solar panels are also used to gather energy.

There are plenty of other options beyond drilling for oil on public lands.

The risk is too high in comparison to the potential benefits.

Our legislators need to listen up and learn that pushing for more use of renewable resources is sound investment in the future.

## Lions fans fed up with Millen



BRIAN SZABELSKI

Opinion Columnist

Some day in the future, the children of the world will learn of a group of people who were once so unhappy with the status quo that they rose up and sought to change it in a way that had never been done before, and in doing so, changed the course of history.

Technically, by group of people, I mean Detroit Lions fans like myself, and by history, I mean sports history, but that's just a small oversight.

The real important thing to remember here is what Lions fans have been attempting to do: force Lions owner Bill Ford to fire embattled and controversial CEO Matt Millen.

The idea of management and fans not getting along is nothing new, as sports fans of many teams have complained for years to deaf ears.

What makes different this time, though, is the manner in which we Lions fans are letting Ford, Millen, and other Lions management know that they are unhappy.

Let's start at the beginning of the mess.

In 2001, with Detroit finishing what would be their first of five-straight seasons below .500, Ford hired Millen, who had absolutely no experience in running a franchise, as the new Lions CEO.

The decision raised the eyebrows of some Lions fans, and more would continue to join them as Millen proceeded to make some of the most bizarre actions in franchise history.

For example, hiring the relatively-unknown and unproven Marty Mornhinweg as head

coach, and in the process being fined for failing to interview minority candidate; calling former Lions wide receiver Johnnie Morton a word unfit for printing; drafting three wide receivers in the first round of the last three NFL drafts, which led to me also using a word unfit for printing; signing few players in the off-season who have contributed to the team; and leading the Lions to a 21-59 record under his leadership.

Adding to that the fact that Millen recently received a five-year extension from Ford, and it's clear to see why Lions fans have finally had enough.

But they have not taken the usual channels of just calling in to sports talk shows and letting their frustrations out. The fans of the Detroit Lions have decided the best way to force Bill Ford's hand and get Millen's firing is to protest.

There have been other fan protests in the past, but none of them have seemingly gained the popularity of the fire Millen movement.

The reason for the movement's sudden popularity can in part be traced back to the non-violent — and often creative — protests by participants. Chants of "Fire Millen", with signs reading the same, have broken out during other sporting events in and around Detroit, and on the road where Detroit teams travel.

It hasn't stopped with just that. During the Lions' home finale against the Cincinnati Bengals, some fans participated in an "orange-out".

However, unlike the ones here at the Doyt, this was a sign of silent protest. Detroit sports talk station WDFN also organized an Angry Fan March through the streets around Ford Field, with fans marching and chanting about how Millen

should be fired.

Still, the situation has not changed much. Millen still has a job and the fans are still angry.

How this story will finish is anyone's guess, though Ford seems unwilling to budge at the moment.

But why bring this up? Why write about this story? What purpose could a bunch of disgruntled fans have?

It's not the idea behind the movement as much as the movement itself.

For once in the sports world, rather than just sit and complain, people are actually attempting to do something to force change, an idea that could be applied to the world outside of sports.

We've seen this happen in the past during the Civil Rights movement, Vietnam, and now during the conflict in Iraq. But the percentage of people who actually protest, when compared to the percentage of people who believe something is right or wrong, is small.

We've grown accustomed to letting our politicians, both Democrat and Republican, speak for us rather than use our own voices.

So maybe what we should be thinking to ourselves about why so many people are sitting there idle and what we could do to change that, to make our voices heard on what we believe and feel should happen.

Maybe it's time not to just call into talk radio and vent but go out and peacefully make our presence known.

Who knows? If we're loud enough, then maybe, just maybe, something might get done. Like, say, the Lions finally firing Matt Millen.

And what a day it will be.

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## PEOPLE ON THE STREET

Do you think it would be worth drilling for oil in Ohio state parks if it lowers costs?



NICK RUSNAK

SOPHOMORE, POLITICAL SCIENCE

"Absolutely not. If we start destroying protected lands what's left?"



BRAD NILEY

SOPHOMORE, SOCIOLOGY

"You can't destroy everything. We have to keep nature."



AMANDA BARREA

FRESHMAN, BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

"I don't see them being environmentally sound about it. Why would you do that?"



PARIS HENDERSON

FRESHMAN, PSYCHOLOGY

"We shouldn't bring industry to animals' habitats."

## Super Bowl efforts makeover Detroit

As a kid living in the suburbs of Detroit, I had a shirt that describes how most outsiders feel about the city. It said, "Detroit: cars, bars and a few weirdos."

The often jeered — rarely cheered city — will host Super Bowl XL at Ford Field in less than two weeks.

It seems hard to believe that a city with such a negative reputation would win such a prize — officials see hosting this event as a way to boost the city's reputation.

I suppose it takes an event as big as the Super Bowl to motivate Michigan's politicians to clean up the city.

Detroiters voted to allow casinos into the city which helped boost business in the Greek Town area of the city.

But, change has been slow before plans surfaced to host the Super Bowl.

Early ambitions to host the Super Bowl began in 1990 when the city mapped out plans for improvements.

The plan identified problematic and highly visible areas such as Woodward Avenue and other main streets.

These streets and sidewalks were repaved and new glass replaced broken, boarded up windows.

One part of the plan specified a goal to attract 50 new shops and restaurants on Lower Woodward Avenue. Today that part of the plan is a success — 64 new businesses have come to the area.

Campus Martius park is also a product of the Detroit's rebirth.

The park mimics Rockefeller-style in New York City. Some argue that a few coats of paint won't fix all of the city's problems.

George Jackson, president of the Detroit Economic Growth Corp., was very involved in the entire process of renovating the city.

He said, "We cannot rebuild the city in 36 months." However, he has hopes the Super Bowl will catalyze the improvement process.

But, what about the problems that can't be fixed with a visual makeover?

Detroit has a reputation of high crime rates and a large homeless population.

A report released by Wayne State University's Michigan Metropolitan Information Center showed Detroit's rate of serious crime is 26 percent below the national average.



ERIN BZYMEK

Opinion Editor

Crime rates might be a misconception, the homeless population is an issue.

What is the quick and easy solution to the 13,000 homeless people in the city?

While the rest of the city attends high-dollar official NFL events hosted by the likes of Magic Johnson, the homeless won't be left out.

Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries will host a three-day party for Detroit's homeless population.

Big-screen televisions will provide Super Bowl coverage, food, clothes, beds and providers will be available to discuss long-term care.

In a Detroit Free Press article, 52-year-old homeless Detroiters Joe Richie sees through the efforts.

"They just want to get us off the streets, keep us from panhandling. When the game is over and we wake up the next morning, I still got nothing in my pockets," he said.

There's no doubt the Super Bowl will bring many benefits to the city such as increased business revenues and — if all goes well — a shiny new reputation.

My belief is this big party could leave a big hangover over the city.

Apart from the Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries party, little has been done to address the problems that have crippled the city for so long.

Construction will camouflage the eye sores for the little time visitors and the press flood the city — but I have little faith the efforts will continue in the long term.

If the efforts to improve Detroit outlast the critics' remarks, what could this mean for cities such as Cleveland and Cincinnati?

Maybe the biggest game in football will become more than just the biggest game in football.

Optimistically, Detroiters will see the potential in the dilapidated city and bring much needed business.

I see potential, but the real challenge is to convince the skeptics who maintain Detroit is a city of cars, bars and a few weirdos.

Send comments to Erin at [ebzymek@bgsu.edu](mailto:ebzymek@bgsu.edu).

## Granted freedoms disappear

ANDY MILANSINCIC

U-Wire columnist  
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Did you know America used to be a free country?

If not, you're forgiven. Freedom isn't talked about much these days, unless it's in the context of exporting it via air strikes to our fun-loving homeboys in the Middle East.

People were once free to do some silly things. They could

drive without seat belts. They could smoke cigarettes in restaurants. They could even choose to retire without the luxurious benefits of mandatory Social Security.

Today, this freedom apparently comes at too high a cost. The silly little liberties that occupied the attention of some long-forgotten dead guys circa 1776 are nothing compared to the largesse of our federal government.

After all, didn't those dead guys say our rights come from government, and that government's role is to make us free from our-

selves? (Maybe it was the other way around. I watched the latest episode of "Ally McBeal" instead of studying for that junior high history test back in '97).

Instead of freedom, today's government prides itself on delivering "fairness." There used to be a saying that "life's not fair," but our politicians are working around the clock to fix that.

In 1979, they started a bureaucracy called FEMA to make life fair for people in disaster areas.

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# Google builds media monopoly

MATTHEW STEPHENSON

U-Wire columnist  
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Every day millions — if not billions — of people around the world use the Internet for work and play. More than likely, the typical Internet user comes across Google at least once in his journey around the World Wide Web.

Here at Ball State University, Google is quickly becoming a best friend to the thousands of us who are studying to move up the socio-economic ladder. It is a study buddy, dictionary, messenger and librarian. It has our e-mail, the news and even an interactive world map. Soon, it will have even more to offer.

In addition to being a pop-culture phenomenon on the level of Windows 95 and the early days of both Yahoo! and Amazon.com, Google is now moving into media that should create concern within our generation.

According to MediaPost Publications, Google made the announcement on Tuesday it is in the process of obtaining dMarc Broadcasting, "a provider of automated ad delivery platforms for radio stations." This comes on the heels of Google selling ad space in a Chicago newspaper and inventory in several magazines.

Google has maneuvered to become one of the largest mega-corporations in the world — rivaling Microsoft, Apple, Dell and IBM as one of the most recognizable names in technology. Even Microsoft has been unable to beat down the popularity and stardom of the Google behemoth with the new technology powering its MSN Web search.

However, Google is moving out of its realm of technology and further into the vast world of journalism and telecommunications.

Google Print even offers search and view of entire literary works online, which is complicating and blurring the copyright laws for the authors of the works — causing some controversy in the publishing world.

Much like Microsoft and Anakin Skywalker, Google is being tempted by the "Dark Side," but for Google, the "Dark Side" is greed and monopolization.

How much longer until Yahoo! is purchased by Google? Or until Google launches its own television station? How much longer until Google creates its own operating system to rival Windows?

The sky is the limit with Google, but the sky is not always blue: Sometimes it is black and full of lightning and destruction. But the American public would rather have a great blue sky than the storm-ridden grey sky American capitalism has often seen this decade.

While we should embrace the competition Google might create for tech companies here in America and the rest of the world, there should be a greater limit on the monopolization Google is exploring.

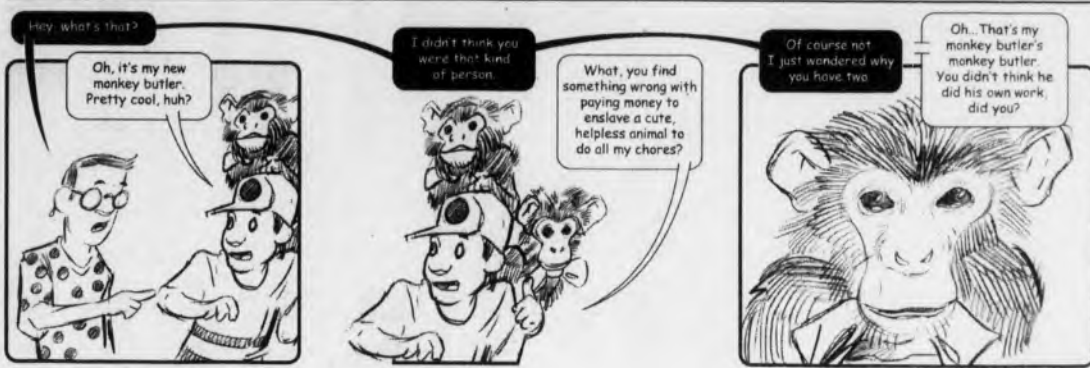
But how much power will we allow Google to have?

Google has no doubt provided a great service to current and prospective Ball State students with the improved search engine on the university's Web site.

However, some people should note that while Google might be the next great tech company, it could be harmful to the American public and to capitalism.

So, after you finish reading the paper, go check your G-Mail, search the web with Google Search, edit your pictures with Google-created Picasa software, then find the Eiffel Tower with Google Earth — but watch out for those Google logos creeping into your newspapers, television broadcasts and other media.

## TO THE POINT



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## 'War on Freedom' attacks American life

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That seemed to work pretty well, so I think they're really on to something.

Right now, the government is making life fair for senior citizens by giving them free prescription drugs. Some seniors say it's not fair that they have to choose among 30 free plans, while others say it's not fair that ads for the plans interrupt "Price is Right" broadcasts.

Back in the dark days of freedom, senior citizens who hadn't saved their money couldn't afford health care. To the horror of all, freedom forced many seniors to

spend their twilight years living with family instead of in the regal nursing homes our government subsidizes today.

This wasn't fair to anyone, especially the poor family members who had to spend money on meals for Grandpa instead of necessities like Xbox 360. The money for Grandpa's food and medicine is automatically deducted from our paychecks, so we never miss it.

To extend this bounty even further, our government spends money it doesn't have. Grandpa gets his meds, we get our Xbox, and nobody foots the bill for a few

decades. That sounds fair to me.

I'm glad President Bush and the Republicans finally got around to joining the fairness bandwagon. This prescription drug plan was their idea, after all. They're finally catching up to the Democrats, who made life fair for poor people by starting the "War on Poverty" in 1964.

Four decades and billions of dollars later, poverty rates have plummeted from 10.5 percent to 10.1 percent. I'm very thankful that the government has achieved such success in leveling the playing field. That rate of return sure beats anything private charities

could achieve in the heartless "free" system.

In light of all this evidence, perhaps the politicians should start a "War on Freedom" to get rid of the bad old days once and for all.

Maybe they could start by throwing out the Constitution, outlawing decisions like driving without a seat belt, and taxing a third of our income.

America used to be a free country. But our politicians corrected that and would be much happier if you would just stop thinking about it. In fact, it might be safer if they handled all the thinking.

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## Miss America packs up, leaves Jersey

By John Curran

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS.

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Miss America rolled the dice moving to Las Vegas, and the gamble paid off, pageant organizers said yesterday.

Held outside Atlantic City, N.J., for the first time in its 85-year history, the pageant wrapped up Saturday night with the crowning of Miss Oklahoma Jennifer Berry — and with new buzz for the

faltering grande dame of beauty competitions.

Yet it remains to be seen whether what happened in Vegas will stay in Vegas. Pageant CEO Art McMaster said that no decision had been made on where Miss America was headed next, although the Aladdin Resort & Casino wanted it back next year.

"I know there are a lot of other interested cities that would like

to get their hands on this," said McMaster said.

Also unknown yesterday was whether the move to Las Vegas and cable television were enough to lure back viewers who have been tuning the pageant out for years. Ratings information was not yet available.

"Miss America is a perfect fit for Country Music Television, and we hope last night was step one

in a long relationship," said Paul Villadolid, vice president of programming and development for the network, which signed a five-year deal to broadcast Miss America after ABC dropped the pageant.

Cash-strapped, the organization reduced scholarships this year. Berry, a 22-year-old senior at the University of Oklahoma, received \$30,000, about \$20,000 less than predecessor Deidre Downs got.

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## Renewable energy crucial

OIL, FROM PAGE 1

ible nature of fossil fuels, and the potential impact to sensitive ecosystems could be irreparable.

Shaner pointed to an oil spill in Delaware County that took place in 2004 as an example of the harm drilling could inflict. Approximately 126,000 gallons of crude oil spilled, requiring the removal of 8,000 tons of contaminated soil, he said.

Stewart pointed to the spill as an example of how seriously the companies represented by the OOGA take their commitment to protecting the environment.

"It was immediately cleaned up," Stewart said. "You go there today, and you can not tell there had ever been a spill there."

Stewart said the same safety guidelines natural gas and oil companies follow on private lands would be applied to operations on public property. By acknowledging the risks inherent to drilling,

Stewart said damage to the environment can be mitigated, and Ohio citizens can reap the benefits of an enhanced state fuel supply.

"There is risk to all worthy ventures," Stewart said.

Gomberg said the bill demonstrates the desperation of oil and natural gas companies.

"They are pushing for this because they are a dying business," Gomberg said.

Both Gomberg and Shaner said they advocated development of renewable sources of power as the only long-term solution to Ohio's energy needs.

Instead of constructing wells in state parks, Gomberg said Ohio's potential for wind energy should be harnessed. She pointed to the windmills in Bowling Green as an example of a successful clean energy program.

Stewart said that while his group supports the growth of renewable energy, the current

situation requires immediately-viable action.

"These are depleting resources, but we are going to keep burning fossil fuels," Stewart said. "The cleanest is natural gas, it's the one we should burn, but environmental groups say that we can't drill for it in Ohio. That doesn't make sense."

Stewart said other states with similar levels of oil and natural gas on public lands have legislation in place that allow companies access to the fuel.

"If demand continues to be what it is, and we're not replacing what we're burning, prices will only continue to rise," Stewart said.

Though Gomberg said Bowling Green's Sen. Randy Gardner had previously voted against drilling on public lands, after repeated attempts to contact him, The BG News was unable to reach him for comment.

## Existing programs curb drunks

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time in jail if they have multiple offenses or if their blood-alcohol level is greater than 0.171 percent on the first offense.

Some county judges allow offenders to shorten their jail sentences by wearing devices that monitor alcohol in their sweat.

Ohio public safety records show that one in nine people with a state driver's license or state identification card have a conviction for driving under the influence. The number of Ohio residents with at least one drunken driving conviction increased from about 150,000 in 2000 to 966,189 in 2005.

Most drunken drivers who receive jail sentences in Summit County pay about \$40 a day to go to the Glenwood Jail, which has fewer restrictions than the county jail but

also offers treatment.

Glenwood, which opened in 1983, also houses other non-violent offenders, and drunken drivers from other counties can use any of the 160 spaces left over at the minimum-security jail.

"We schedule several months in advance," Rochford said.

Sheriff's deputies provide security at the Glenwood jail, which allows offenders to go outside for about 10 cigarette breaks a day.

"I don't know anyone who would call it plush," Rochford said, but "it won't look like a jail you've ever been in."

The hotel treatment programs for first-time offenders

typically allow guests to check in for a three-day weekend and then listen to lectures, speak with counselors and watch films about drunken driving.

"These were developed as an intervention into drinking patterns and to stop recidivism into drunk driving," said Drew Martensen, Mount Carmel Health Systems' director of substance abuse.

Recidivism rates have stayed about the same over the last eight years, when hotel programs began, said Paul Coleman, president of Maryhaven, a treatment center in Columbus. About one in five people offend again.

*"This is all about stopping the behavior so it doesn't happen again."*

DAVID SCOLES, MADD

## Senator: Make funding performance-based

GRADS, FROM PAGE 2

the global economy is that is not the job we need done anymore."

Last week, House Speaker Jon Husted announced a plan to give tax breaks to students who earn degrees in math, science or engineering programs. But Ohio needs more graduates in all areas, Chu said.

The current state funding system is based mostly on enrollment and not academic performance.

In the state budget last year, lawmakers capped tuition increases while the growth of state funding was slowed.

Padgett and Gardner see their plan as a way to get the state's colleges to help themselves.

"You don't just give the dollars

anymore without expecting a return on that investment," said Padgett, chairwoman of the Senate Education Committee.

No campus would receive less money than it currently gets, but each would have to show performance gains to get the incentive money.

Not every school enrolls comparable student bodies. For example, Miami University is selective about enrollment and had an 80 percent graduation rate in 2003, the most recent figure available. Cleveland State University, which accepts more at-risk stu-

dents, had a 27 percent graduation rate in the same year.

"Miami has always been very selective about students that they have taken in," said Cleveland State President Michael Schwartz.

"Well, we haven't been. This has been a school of opportunity — come one, come all."

Schwartz cautioned against any plan driven by higher graduation figures.

"If you're going to reward high graduation rates, you better be sure the standards that students have to reach are in

order," he said. "If you start lowering standards to increase graduation rates, then what have you gained?"

The Higher Education Funding Study Council, a group of lawmakers, regents members and college representatives, has to decide by spring what to do with \$30 million set aside for higher education next year. The group is considering Gardner's and Padgett's ideas.

But Gardner said he hopes his proposal leads lawmakers to come up with new ideas for funding higher education long-term, starting with the two-year budget beginning next year.

"The first priority is to make higher education a higher priority for families, for students and the state Legislature," Gardner said.

*"You don't just give the dollars anymore without expecting a return..."*

JOY PADGETT, SENATOR

## GSS proposes free parking for hybrids

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services are important, but that students should be given a choice to not be covered. "I think it really steps on our civil liberties," he said.

The legislation, which will be tabled until next meeting, also received concerned remarks from graduate students. For example, some suggested that free counseling services on campus were already booked, and adding more students may cause more problems than it would resolve.

"I think it is important for everyone to understand the value of mental health coverage, and to consider the impact this legislation will have on our ability to attain sufficient health coverage," said GSS president Zach Hilpert. He added that GSS will shed more light on the issue by inviting comment from Glen Egelman, the head of Student Health Services, and Craig Vickio, head of the counseling center at the next GSS meeting.

"Next meeting's vote on the legislation will determine the stance of GSS [on this issue]," Hilpert said.

## Zoo moves turtles after visitors feed them metal

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Veterinarians at the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium have moved two sea turtles from public view after X-rays confirmed they had been eating coins and other pieces of metal tossed at them or dropped by visitors.

The animals' doctors worried the objects might cut the turtles or cause an infection.

Veterinarian Gwen Myers first noticed the problem while conducting a routine exam of the turtles' droppings last week. She found nickels, pennies and

a dime, as well as a nail and a key chain.

Myers said visitors to the zoo sometimes don't follow the rules.

But even visitors who accidentally drop items may hurt animals, zoo officials say.

The two sea turtles in Columbus are healthy despite eating the objects, Myers said. They have been swimming together in a deep holding tank.

"We really don't want to lose these animals," Myers said.

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7:05 p.m. at Lake Superior

### GYMNASTICS

Saturday  
7 p.m. against Illinois State

### SWIMMING

Friday  
5 p.m. at Buffalo

## BG SPORTS BRIEFING

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### BG loses league contest in final minutes

The men's basketball team dropped a close one to Ball State, 62-61, on Saturday in Muncie. The Cardinals rallied in the second half to finish the game on a 26-16 run. Steven Wright led the Falcons with 16 points and Martin Samarco added 15. The Falcon's record dropped to 5-9, 1-5 MAC.

## Big Ben & company roll past Broncos

Steelers romp Denver as Roethlisberger passes for 275 yards

By Eddie Pelis

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DENVER — Big Ben, The Bus and all those Terrible Towels sure are traveling well this postseason. Next stop, the Super Bowl, the final destination of a Pittsburgh road trip the Denver Broncos were powerless to derail.

Ben Roethlisberger had a brilliant afternoon, throwing for 275 yards and two scores, and Jerome Bettis extended his career one more game, lifting the Steelers to a dominating 34-17 victory in the AFC title game yesterday.

Bettis said, "We're going home!" as the game wore down and he celebrated on the sideline. He is, indeed, back to his hometown of Detroit for Pittsburgh's first appearance in the Super Bowl since 1995.

"I thought we could get there," he said. "It's come true. Detroit, watch out. Here we come!"

Outschemed, outplayed and pushed around all day, the Broncos (14-4) shuffled off to their locker room, heads down, after their first home loss in 10 tries this season.

"They had a great game plan," said Broncos coach Mike Shanahan, now 2-1 in AFC title games. "They played big on the road, very well-coached game, very well-played game."

Though Pittsburgh's next game, against either Seattle or Carolina, will be a homecoming for Bettis, the Steelers (14-5) have looked extremely comfortable on the road.

They became the first team to win three away games to make it to the Super Bowl since the 1985 New England Patriots. Some might look at that as a surprise. Anyone who has watched the Steelers over the past decade — and especially the last two months — certainly wouldn't.

They came out passing, not running, much the same way they did when they upset Indianapolis last week. Roethlisberger called pass plays on seven of Pittsburgh's first 11 snaps and threw completions on five of those.

The first drive resulted in a field goal. On Denver's next possession, Pittsburgh's Joey Porter blitzed to force a Jake Plummer fumble.

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### MEN'S HOCKEY

## Falcons down No. 6 Michigan



Brandon Heiss BG News

**GETTING THINGS STARTED:** James Unger controls the puck in a previous game against Western Michigan. Unger scored the first goal in the Falcon's win over the Michigan Wolverines on Saturday.

Ability to handle 'penalty kill pressure' leads to huge victory for the BG men's hockey team

By Kevin Shields  
REPORTER

Senior forward Brett Pilkington and his six classmates had never beaten Michigan coming into Saturday night's game at the BGSU Ice Arena.

The Falcons came in winless against the Wolverines in their

last 12 games after a 6-1 setback Friday in Ann Arbor, Mich. and the closest the seniors had come to beating the Wolverines was a 1-1 tie their freshman season. But that all changed with a 5-2 Falcon home victory in front of a loud and boisterous 4,989 fans Saturday night.

Pilkington, the usual second line center, was moved from his second line to the fourth line Saturday after teammate, Ryan Barnett, had a big game in Friday's loss.

"Ryan Barnett was a bright spot last night," BG coach Scott Paluch said of the move. "He and we thought James Unger played extremely well and it was a center swap that was an easy switch and it worked out tonight."

Things working out had been a problem for the Falcons against the Wolverines the past four seasons, and Saturday, Pilkington and his teammates finally put the full 60-minute game together that they need-

ed to pull off a win against the sixth-ranked team in the country. Pilkington recorded four assists on the night as Jon Horrell made 31 saves on 33 shots to help BG earn the win.

"Beating Michigan gives us confidence that we can play with any team in the NCAA," Pilkington said. "We beat Ohio State earlier and now we've beaten Michigan — it's the first time I've beaten Michigan so it's a big confidence booster, but at the same time we got to keep moving forward."

After being dominated by Michigan's penalty kill Friday, the Falcons notched three power play goals on the night, with Pilkington assisting on all three. Derek Whitmore recorded two goals on the power play, including the game-winner at the 7:29 mark of the second period, as the Falcons never trailed on the night.

"It was as bad as could be yesterday," Paluch said of BG's power play. "[Michigan's penalty kill] was very dominant. We needed to make some adjustments, and I thought we did an excellent job of handling the penalty kill pressure tonight."

The Falcons, who were 3-6 with the extra man, never saw a

*"Beating Michigan gives us confidence that we can play with any team in the NCAA."*

SCOTT PALUCH,  
COACH

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### GYMNASTICS

## Gymnasts pumped

Enthusiastic crowd pushes BG to victory

By Colin Wilson  
REPORTER

The BGSU Gymnastics team was able to pick up its first win of the season Saturday against the Central Michigan University Chippewas at the Eppler Center Gymnasium. The Falcons won by a score of 189.325 to 187.950 in front of a dense home crowd that was much larger than expected.

"This crowd was awesome. I mean this is the best crowd in 10 years — I've never seen it this well attended, I'm thrilled," BG Coach Dan Connelly said. "I hope everyone enjoyed it so that they come back."

Up by only one-tenth of a point, the Falcons headed into the final event, the floor routine, as the Chippewas took the balance beam. An exciting, accurate floor performance of a overall score of 47.85 points was just what the Falcons needed to seal the deal and take the meet.

"I have to really congratulate our floor exercise team for coming through at the end because

we only had a one-tenth [of a point] lead going into the last event," Connelly said. "Last week was pretty disappointing, it's one of those things where you go out there and make a big mistake and you know that's not who you are and you want another chance. So every day in practice they were more focused and more intense and precise."

Beginning with the vault, the Falcons once again had strong performances by Jessica Guyer and Jillian Stranges who both received scores of 9.7 and tied for third place. Jayme Stambaugh and Allison Swafford also performed well in the event, both scoring 9.625 and tying for fifth.

Next came the bars where Jholean Ponce led the team with a 9.675 and tied for first. She had good company as Sakura Tomita received a 9.6 score. Also, Candice Deacon scored a 9.525 and Jessica Bradley picked up a 9.425 to assist the Falcons.

Guyer was stellar on the beam once again, receiving a 9.7 and tying for second in the event. Although Guyer was a tough act to follow, Bethany Kenel turned

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### WOMEN'S SWIMMING

## No winner in league meet

Falcons and Akron Zips all tied up at conclusion of meet

By Heather Riedel  
REPORTER

In one of the last Mid-American Conference dual meets of the season, no coach or team likes to tie.

But that's exactly what happened Saturday between the BGSU Falcons and the University of Akron Zips, with a final score of 150-150.

Throughout the entire meet, the scores were just points away from each other with every event making or breaking the current team's lead. Both schools battled every event down to the last second and most of the swimmers finished within tenths of a second behind one another. By the end of the meet, each team had a total of eight first place finishes.

"Ties suck," BG Coach Keri Buff said. "You know, though, whether we win or lose, our performances are what really matters. Our speed is really



Jordan Flower BG News

**AIRBORNE:** Freshman Ashley Belrose dives in Saturday's meet. She placed third in the 1-meter board, contributing to BG's 150 points.

coming along and I feel that we are right on track. With some rest, we'll be able to finish well at the MAC's."

Akron's head coach, Brian Vereb, agreed with Buff about tying after such a close dual meet.

"I feel BG is a very competitive team but no coach wants to tie at the end. That's the way the end is anytime it's

a tie, you always are second guessing where you could have changed something during the meet," Vereb said. "But we do look forward to swimming them [BGSU] at the MAC tournament."

Early in the season, the teams competed at the Tom Stubbs Relay, which BGSU

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### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

## BG beats Miami, improves to 5-0 in the league

By Jessica Ameling  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

With its 80-58 win over Mid-American Conference rival Miami on Saturday, BGSU has successfully completed phase one of "Mission MAC Championship" by defeating all five Eastern

division teams.

Phase two — conquering the MAC West — begins Wednesday at Central Michigan.

Liz Honegger led her 14-2, 5-0 MAC team with 19 points and five rebounds as her team jumped out to a 47-22

halftime lead.

"I've been pretty much off the past five games," Honegger said. "But today I missed my first couple shots and then he [Miller] talked about getting it inside so that's what I went with. I think when I score inside, my outside

shot gets better."

Honegger now only needs 11 points to join teammate Ali Mann in the 1,000 point club. After a slow start, she hit three straight shots midway through the first half to fuel her team's 12-0 run. This put BG up 26-11.

"I wanted her to transfer at the beginning of the game and wondered if she had showed up tonight," coach Curt Miller said. "I turned to my assistants and said 'Where can we send her?'"

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## Alicia Yee claims two victories

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hosted. On that day, the Falcons took control of the meet, won in six relays and placed first and second on the 3-meter board. The Zips finished at the top in the 300-yard breaststroke and in the 1-meter diving competition. But the past is the past and on this day, the scoreboard confirmed that both teams finished equally.

Even with a tied final score, BG freshman Alicia Yee continued to dominate the backstroke event. Yee finished first in both the 100 and 200-yard backstroke, with teammate Sami Jordan just seconds behind her. But in the 400-yard IM, Yee could not outswim Akron's Danielle Beland, and finished second in that race by less than a second behind her.

"She [Yee] is definitely a great asset to our team and also a great competitor," Buff said. "She'll always be someone the entire MAC is looking at."

Along with Yee, BG junior Caroline Keating also finished first in two events: the 200 and the 500-yard freestyle. Teammate and senior Stephanie Buckner defended her championship yet again in the 100-yard freestyle event and also took another first place finish in the 50-yard freestyle. But even with those wins, the points were just not enough to finish ahead of Akron. Among the diving events, freshman Ashley Belrose placed third on the 1-meter board and sophomore captain Jill Auer took home third place in the 3-meter board event.

"This was a really good effort by our entire team," Buff said. "We concentrated on our normal stuff in this meet. We are concerned with what we can do strategically at every meet in order to get better."

## LeBron pours in 51 points

By Doug Alden  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SALT LAKE CITY — LeBron James' sore right knee didn't throw off his shot much.

James scored 51 points Saturday night, becoming the youngest player in NBA history with 5,000 points in his career, and the Cleveland Cavaliers beat the Utah Jazz 108-90 Saturday night to snap a six-game losing streak.

The Cavaliers avoided going winless on a six-game road trip and were assured that James, who had X-rays on his knee earlier Saturday, should be fine.

"I was just fighting through it," said James, who decided shortly before the game to test the knee by starting. "I was trying to fight through a cold, but I didn't want to make any excuses. I didn't want to be in the position where I wasn't there for my team tonight."

James, who turned 21 on Dec. 30, needed 45 points to pass Kobe Bryant as the youngest player to reach 5,000. Bryant was 22 when he scored his 5,000th point.

James was one point off his season high and eight away from tying his career high. By

the end, he had won over the Utah fans and left to a standing ovation with 1:35 remaining in the game.

"He was terrific. He made his shots and he's just a wonderful player," Jazz coach Jerry Sloan said. "I think we're intimidated by him a great deal."

The Jazz fell to 20-21, the first time they've had a losing record since falling to 16-17 with an 87-65 loss at Memphis on Jan. 6.

Mehmet Okur scored 20 and pulled down 13 rebounds and Andrei Kirilenko had 19 points for the Jazz, who struggled against James all night.

## BG finishes strong on the floor

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Mike Metzger BG News

**NEAR PERFECTION:** Bethany Kenel competes on the balance beam. She placed first on the apparatus with a 9.825 in Saturday's meet.

in a nearly flawless performance on the beam, with the top score in the event of 9.825. An already enthusiastic crowd became even more excited.

"We really went back in to the gym this week and focused on what needed to be done," said Co-captain Guyer. "That meant extra routines and more mental preparation. We went in to floor [exercise] knowing that we could easily hit our routines and that confidence showed in the meet."

The hard work would pay off as the Falcons performed mightily on the floor exercise to get into the driver's seat and cruise to a victory. Guyer's 9.725 score led the way for the floor team to conclude another strong performance, which has been a theme for her so far this season. Also performing well for the Falcons were Stranges, who scored a 9.675, and Jacquelyn Bernhardt, who picked up a 9.525.

"It's always awesome to pull off a win at home," Guyer said. "Especially in front of such an amazing hometown crowd. The energy in the gym was contagious and we were able to use it to our advantage."

BG hopes to bring in a crowd like Saturday's for every home meet as they'll take on Illinois State this coming Saturday at 7 p.m. in the Eppler Gymnasium. The home floor was a big boost and the Falcons clearly worked out some kinks this past week.

"We just emphasized a lot more quality and accepted very little," Connelly said. "It's a big step in the right direction."



Jordan Flower BG News

**GETTING PHYSICAL:** A Falcon hockey player protects the puck from a Michigan defender in front of a sold-out BG crowd on Saturday.

## Defense comes up big

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power play until near the middle of the second period, but grabbed an early 1-0 lead just 3:51 in as James Unger got his 11th goal of the season. Don Morrison and Whitmore assisted on the play off of a neutral zone turnover by the Wolverines that turned into a 2-on-1 with Morrison finding Unger in front.

Wolverine goaltender Noah Ruden kept the Falcons from building on the lead early as he made some big stops in the first, including an open net chance by Alex Foster that Ruden dove across his crease to stop. Ruden made 31 saves the night before leaving the game in the final 16:25 for freshman Billy Sauer after sustaining a groin injury.

Horrell managed Michigan's first period onslaught, stopping all 15 shots he faced as he got a lot more help in front of him than what Jimmy Spratt saw the night before. Wolverine shots were finding white jerseys as BG made a lot of key blocks to keep quality second chance opportunities from occurring.

"We knew we were going to have to do those things tonight," Horrell said of the team's defensive preparation. "We knew we were going to have to clear out all those opportunities in front of the net and use the body."

After Horrell and his defense kept the Wolverines off the scoreboard, Pilkington and his new linemates, Jon Erickson and Rich Meloche, struck as they setup a point shot by Michael Hodgson that found the net just 2:20 into the second to give BG a 2-0 lead.

The Wolverines finally found the net with 1:57 left in the second when Chad Kolarik's 3-on-1 shot from the slot found the net to make it 3-1.

Meloche and Whitmore would

then put the game out of reach at 5-1 in the first 3:35 of the period as once again Pilkington recorded assists on the goals.

"He was rolling out there," Paluch said of Pilkington. "His vision was outstanding. He did a nice job moving his feet on the power play to get some free space. He played a terrific game."

Pilkington credited the guys around him for allowing him to make plays with the puck, and though he has played with Meloche numerous times in the past, it was still a little different to him being on the fourth line.

"Going in it was a little different at the start," he said. "But after that first shift, we got more confidence as a unit and started getting the puck deep, and went in there and forechecked, got some turnovers there and got two shots. If you're getting shots early like that, it doesn't matter who you are playing with as the line gets a lot of confidence and you start rolling."

Michigan's Kevin Porter tried to get the Wolverines back in it halfway through the final period, but the Falcons limited the Wolverines to just six third period shots. BG out-shot Michigan 49-33 on the night and kept the Wolverine power play that torched them the night before to just 2-8, including a big 5-on-3 kill in the first.

The win brought the Falcons to 12-14-1 overall with a Central Collegiate Hockey Association record of 8-11-1. Michigan fell to 14-9-1 with a CCHA record of 9-6-1.

"Bowling Green is very good in this building, and they showed it again tonight," Michigan coach Red Berenson said. "Their power play was a lot stronger tonight. Their best players were their best players. We couldn't score when we had to."

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**VICTORY:** Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger celebrates Pittsburgh's AFC Championship football game win over the Broncos.

## Bettis seals victory

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Five plays later, Roethlisberger hit Cedrick Wilson for a touchdown and a 10-0 lead, quieting the Invesco Field crowd much as the Steelers did in Indy last week and Cincinnati the week before.

After a Denver field goal, the Steelers essentially salted this game with a 14-play, 80-yard drive that ate up nearly 7 1/2 minutes and had the Broncos defense totally off balance and gasping for air. The Steelers converted six of seven third downs in the first half.

Bettis capped it by bulling in from the 3 for a 17-3 lead to put him well on his way to the Super Bowl. Jut-jawed coach Bill Cowher smiled widely for that one, remembering Bettis' near disaster on the goal line last week in Indy.

"This is a great group of guys, how we got here, we're a different team," Cowher said. "We're a focused team, no matter what's happened, we've stayed together. We've got a resilient group."

Denver trailed by two touchdowns, but they had escaped worse predicaments in the past.

But there was no Drive, no Fumble, no comeback and no you-know-who on the field this day.

John Elway was on hand, but sitting in a luxury suite, watching the Broncos fall short of the ultimate destination for the seventh straight year since he led them to their second championship.

Plummer, who had played so well in the lead all season, finally faced some comeback pressure and failed miserably. He went 18-for-30 for 223 yards with two lost fumbles and two interceptions.

Roethlisberger put this one away, diving in on third-and-goal and sending the crowd home.

Except, that is, for the loyal Pittsburgh partisans.

They stayed 'til the end, watching Cowher share hugs with Roethlisberger, Joey Porter and especially The Bus.

They blanketed the corners of Invesco with black and gold, waving those Terrible Towels and holding up their Steelers banners.

"Next Bus Stop: Detroit," one said.

## Alexander leads Seattle to Detroit

Shaun Alexander rushes for 132 yards and two TD's

By Barry Wilner  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SEATTLE — With their MVP back in business, a fierce defense and all the comforts of playing at home, the Seattle Seahawks had everything they needed to get to their first Super Bowl.

And they did, easily. Shaun Alexander came back from last week's concussion to rush for a team play-

defense that really carried the Seahawks. It yielded only 62 yards, three first downs and no real threats in the first half.

With Carolina desperate, Seattle allowed virtually nothing until it had a 20-point lead.

Mike Holmgren, only the fifth coach to lead two franchises to the Super Bowl — he won in 1997 and lost in 1998 with Green Bay — praised his defense this week for the enormous pressure it applied to opponents all season. That defense led the league in sacks and was always in Delhomme's face, helping force two first-half interceptions that were decisive.

The Panthers weren't helped when starting running back Nick Goings was sidelined in the first quarter after a hit by linebacker Lofa Tatupu. They already were minus their top two runners, Stephen Davis and DeShaun Foster.

The Seahawks had their horse, though, and by the second half, they could turn to Alexander. As he always has this season, he delivered some big runs as the crowd chanted "M-V-P, M-V-P."

Hasselbeck finished off the Panthers (13-6) with a gorgeous pump fake that had cornerback Chris Gamble on all fours. Darrell Jackson caught the 20-yard pass for a 27-7 lead, and it was time to celebrate in the Pacific Northwest.

*"We're not done yet. We've got another game we've got to go win."*

MATT HASSELBECK,  
QUARTERBACK

## Horne nets 17 points

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Sure enough, right after that she scored seven points in I imagine about a minute. She can have stretches where she dominates and looks like the player of the year in the league."

RedHawk stud Cindi Merrill drained a 3-pointer in the first possession of the game, but made only one of her next 13 shots from the field to finish the game with six points. Merrill, coming off a 29 point game in her team's loss to Kent State last Tuesday, is averaging 17.3 points per game. Saturday's loss drops Miami to 6-10, 1-4 MAC.

Carin Horne was the Falcon's second leading scorer with 17 points, and she guarded Merrill for most of the game. Horne also added six rebounds and six of her team's 15 steals.

"It was a pretty hard assignment, she's a great player," Horne said of Merrill. "Coach looks at me as an offensive threat, but defensive also. I tried to deny her the ball and give her limited catches as much as I could."

Miami's defensive strategy — a 2-3 zone — was ineffective against BG. BG proved this by scoring 54 percent from the field (50 percent from behind the arc) in the first half and 44 percent for the game.

"I am excited that people think zone is the way to play us," Miller said. "I think as we continue to play better and better it's not the way to play us."

Meanwhile, BG's combination of man and zone defenses, plus a little full court pressure was more than effective. It forced the RedHawks into 33 turnovers, a season high for a

Falcon opponent this year.

"I thought our press and the ability to create first half turnovers was the difference in the game," Miller said.

Of BG's 80 points, 37 came from turnovers while Miami had just nine. The Falcons also recorded 17 fast break points to win their 13th straight at home.

Ali Mann added 14 points to the team's total, and freshman Jasmine McCall had nine points and three assists.

"Jazz gives me gray hairs," Miller said of McCall. "The crowd, just like me, I imagine there's moments where you love her and moments where you hate her. And that's the growing pains of an exciting, explosive freshman point guard."

The closest Miami came in the second half was 62-44 with about 10 minutes to play. But two quick jumpers by Ali Mann helped keep BG's offense rolling and put the game away for good.

"Being an offensive team when you begin to build a lead you can play so much more confidently at the offensive end," Miller said. You can miss a shot and it's not the end of the world. I think you see teams across the country play better when they have a lead because they play loose."

Sarah Hull led Miami with 14 points and Ashley Hawkins added 10. Miami shot just 34 percent from the field, including 26 percent (4-for-15) from behind the arc.

The game was played in front of a crowd of 1,667, many of whom were grade school girls' teams celebrating the 25th anniversary of NCAA Women's Championships.

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## Literacy of college students put to the test

Study shows many graduates lack ability to perform life skills

By Ben Feller

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Nearing a diploma, most college students cannot handle many complex but common tasks, from understanding credit card offers to comparing the cost per ounce of food.

Those are the sobering findings of a study of literacy on college campuses, the first to target the skills of students as they approach the start of their careers.

More than 50 percent of students at four-year schools and more than 75 percent at two-year colleges lacked the skills to perform complex literacy tasks.

That means they could not

interpret a table about exercise and blood pressure, understand the arguments of newspaper editorials, compare credit card offers with different interest rates and annual fees or summarize results of a survey about parental involvement in school.

The results cut across three types of literacy: analyzing news stories and other prose, understanding documents and having math skills needed for checkbooks or restaurant tips.

"It is kind of disturbing that a lot of folks are graduating with a degree and they're not going to be able to do those things," said Stephanie Baldi, the study's director at the American Institutes for Research, a behavioral and social science research organization.

Most students at community colleges and four-year schools

showed intermediate skills, meaning they could perform moderately challenging tasks. Examples include identifying a location on a map, calculating the cost of ordering office supplies or consulting a reference guide to figure out which foods contain a particular vitamin.

There was brighter news.

Overall, the average literacy of college students is significantly higher than that of adults across the nation. Study leaders said that was encouraging but not surprising, given that the spectrum of adults includes those with much less education.

Also, compared with all adults with similar levels of education, college students had superior skills in searching and using information from texts and documents.

"But do they do well enough for

a highly educated population? For a knowledge-based economy? The answer is no," said Joni Finney, vice president of the National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education, an independent and nonpartisan group.

"This sends a message that we should be monitoring this as a nation, and we don't do it," Finney said. "States have no idea about the knowledge and skills of their college graduates."

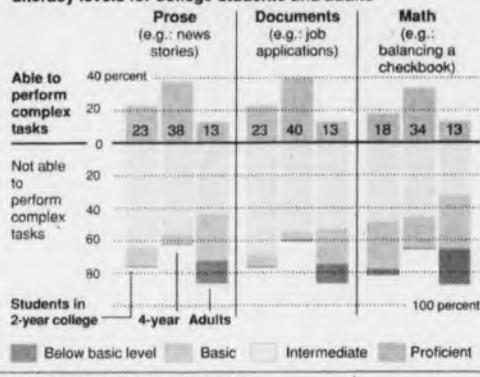
The survey examined college and university students nearing the end of their degree programs. The students did the worst on matters involving math, according to the study.

Almost 20 percent of students pursuing four-year degrees had only basic quantitative skills. For

## Close to graduation, far from competent

More than half the students at four-year colleges did not have the skills to perform complex tasks. Adults, overall, showed an even greater lack of skill.

Literacy levels for college students and adults



SOURCE: American Institutes for Research

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## Roe v. Wade date met with protesters

By Justin M. Norton

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN FRANCISCO — Thousands of abortion opponents shouldering signs with slogans such as "Peace Begins in the Womb" marched in protest of the 33-year-old Roe v. Wade decision, while abortion rights supporters along the march route waved

clothes hangers and shouted

"Bigots go home."

The dueling protests — marking yesterday's anniversary of the Supreme Court decision — reflected the growing tension at a time the makeup of the high court is about to change with

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## Groups unite to change mine safety laws

Deaths of miners lead to demand for a safer mining environment

By Vicki Smith

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — In death, 14 West Virginia coal miners have achieved something that just a month ago seemed an unlikely goal: Labor, industry and lawmakers are united in demanding

that a dangerous subterranean occupation be made safer.

Hours after the bodies of two missing miners were found Saturday in Aracoma Coal's Alma No. 1 mine at Melville, Gov. Joe Manchin and West Virginia's congressional delegation called for a major overhaul of state and federal mine safety laws.

Both the National Mining Association and the United Mine Workers of America said yes-

terday that they, too, will press for change.

"This is a time for all of us who share responsibility for mining safety to come together and look for ways to make mining safer," said Carol Raulston, spokeswoman for the National Mining Association in Washington. "We have made dramatic improvements over the last 15 years, but there's more to be done."

The bodies of Don I. Bragg, 33,

and Ellery "Elvis" Hatfield, 47, were found Saturday, two days after a conveyor belt caught fire inside the Alma mine in southern West Virginia. Their deaths came just weeks after a Jan. 2 mine explosion that led to the deaths of 12 other miners exposed to carbon monoxide inside the Sago Mine in the northern part of the state.

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## Anniversary of decision brings out all opinions

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Justice Sandra Day O'Connor's retirement.

"It's a crucial time," said abortion rights supporter Carol Norris, 43, who joined the counter-protest in San Francisco Saturday. "We have [Judge Samuel] Alito poised to be on the Supreme Court, and he's clearly an anti-choice person."

On the other side, college student Laura Arnold, 20, of Pleasanton, Calif., marched with her mother opposing abortion, saying, "We're here to stand up for the babies that don't have a voice."

"I know so many girls who did it and they are hurting every day of their life," Arnold said.

The Supreme Court handed down its decision in *Roe v. Wade* on Jan. 22, 1973, and abortion has been legal in the United States ever since. But efforts to restrict or outlaw the procedure have been just as enduring. 34 states have passed laws requiring parents either to be notified or to give consent when their underage daughters seek abortions.

"Abortion rights have been slowly whittled away while we haven't even been looking," said Kitty Striker, 22, who decorated her hair with coat hanger replicas for the counter-protest. "That's what's so shocking and

so scary to me."

Many abortion opponents said they were heartened by President Bush's choice of Alito to replace O'Connor, a moderate who was often the court's swing vote.

Alito's refusal during his confirmation hearings to agree with assertions by Democrats that *Roe v. Wade* was "settled law" upset abortion rights activists.

The largest abortion demonstration was expected Monday in Washington, D.C., where anti-abortion activists planned to converge on the mall to hear speakers supporting their cause and march on the Congress and Supreme Court.

In Michigan, a group of pastors and ministry leaders used the anniversary yesterday to launch a new anti-abortion effort to get a measure on the 2006 ballot that would change the state constitution to legally define a person as existing at the moment of conception. The American Civil Liberties Union of Michigan says even if it did succeed, it would be challenged in court.

At the San Francisco protest, Archbishop Michael Regan of St. Michael's Orthodox Church in Concord, Calif., said it was important to show how mixed public opinion is on abortion, even in liberal cities like San Francisco.



**FIGHTING FOR CHANGE:** Brianna Youmans joins anti-abortion demonstrators on a march through San Francisco. Thousands of opponents marched Saturday to protest the 33rd anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*. Noah Berger AP Photo

## College diploma doesn't promise literacy skills

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example, the students could not estimate if their car had enough gas to get to the service station. About 30 percent of two-year students had only basic math skills.

Baldi and Finney said the survey should be used as a tool. They hope state leaders, educators and university trustees will examine the rigor of courses required of all students.

The survey showed a strong relationship between analytic coursework and literacy. Students in two-year and four-year schools scored higher when they took classes that challenged them to apply theories to practical problems or weigh competing arguments.

The college survey used the same test as the National Assessment of Adult Literacy, the government's examination of English literacy among adults. The results of that study were released in December, showing about one in 20 adults is not literate in English.

On campus, the tests were given in 2003 to a representative sample of 1,827 students at public and private schools. The Pew Charitable Trusts funded the survey.

## State, local governments work together to save future miners' lives

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UMW president Cecil Roberts said Congress and state legislatures must take steps to ensure existing regulations are strictly enforced.

"We must also develop new initiatives that will give every miner a vastly improved chance to walk out of a mine after an accident, alive and well and safe in the arms of their loved ones," he said.

A Senate Appropriations subcommittee schedules hearings on mine safety today, and Sen. Mike Enzi, R-Wyo., who chairs the Senate Health Education Labor and Pensions Committee,

which oversees mine safety, also planned a hearing.

Nationally, there were 22 mine deaths in 2005, a record low. Three of those were in West Virginia, the nation's second-largest coal producer.

Manchin said he would ask West Virginia lawmakers today to pass three bills written over the weekend to improve rapid response to mine emergencies and set up electronic tracking technology for lost miners and reserve oxygen stations underground. He also plans to meet with federal lawmakers in Washington.

"We must put into place commonsense proposals like these

that will provide improved safety and security for miners and their families," said Sen. Jeff Bingaman, a Democrat from New Mexico, which has the nation's fifth-largest underground coal mine by tons produced.

If Manchin's effort results in federal action, it could be the third time that a West Virginia tragedy has had nationwide ramifications.

The Mine Health and Safety Act was written a year after a 1968 explosion at Farmington that killed 78 miners, including Manchin's uncle. Federal laws governing the construction of mine drainage settling ponds were adopted after 125 people were killed when an

impoundment gave way in 1972 and flooded communities along Buffalo Creek, less than 20 miles from the Alma mine.

"When people get mad, they're more likely to do something," said Sen. John Rockefeller, D-W.Va., who was with Manchin when the families of the Alma miners were told the men were dead. "When I go back to Congress ... what's happened at Sago and what's happened here, there's got to be a lot of mad people."

The Bush administration is reviewing safety equipment in mines after scrapping similar initiatives started by the Clinton administration. Miners' advocates said pulling those initia-

tives stopped potentially important safety rules from becoming reality; the Republicans cited changing priorities and resource concerns.

The owner of the Sago Mine, International Coal Group Inc., isn't waiting for federal action. President Ben Hatfield says he's already formed a team to pursue change.

"We are absolutely going to get better and safer, and better-positioned to react to crisis, regardless of what state and federal agencies say," Hatfield said.

ICG's team will focus on the latest research on mine communication systems and air supplies.

The UMW supports requiring oxygen caches throughout mines, as Peabody Energy and Consol Energy Inc. do at some of their larger mines.

"It's always been our position if it takes you eight hours to walk out of a mine, then there ought to be eight hours of oxygen for you to do that," said Phil Smith, spokesman for the union. The two men who died inside Alma were equipped with oxygen canisters that typically produce about an hour's worth of breathable air.

"We need Congress to look at this. We need state legislatures to look at this," he said. "But we need action."

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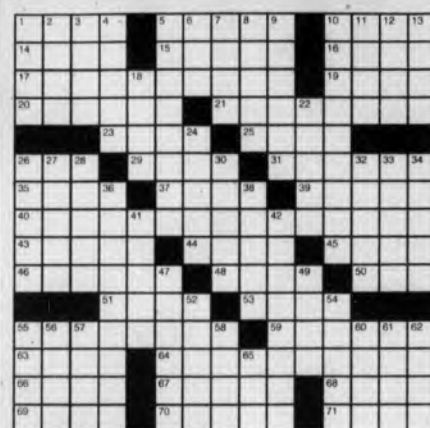
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### ACROSS

1 Kind of shark?  
5 Hand warmers  
10 At that time  
14 Hodgepodge  
15 Concur  
16 Architect Saarinen  
17 Kind of shark  
19 Put down  
20 First generation Japanese-Americans  
21 Knickknack shelves  
23 Beat decisively  
25 Hang-up  
26 de mer  
29 Fencer's instrument  
31 Soda sippers  
35 Grad  
37 Wayside stopovers  
39 Minneapolis suburb  
40 Three kinds of shark  
43 Greenland base  
44 Hindu training discipline

45 Gush forth  
46 Facilitating  
48 Trawlers' gear  
50 USNA grad  
51 Singles  
53 Leaf collector  
55 Dumbfound  
59 Lower  
63 Actress Miles  
64 Kind of shark  
66 Landed  
67 Use  
68 Sea eagle  
69 Curtain material  
70 Verbosc  
71 Actual

1 Sen. McCarthy's assistant  
2 Jai  
3 Outer edges  
4 Like some stadiums  
5 Kangaroo pouches  
6 Sound of disgust  
7 Without cost  
8 Achievements  
9 Touring cars  
10 E-mail ancestors  
11 Listen to  
12 New York state canal  
13 Signs of sleepiness  
18 Yeats' country  
22 Having an entrance-way  
24 Furry Jack  
26 Dull finish  
27 Hawaiian greeting  
28 Southern constellation  
30 Not sideways  
32 Loose-jawed  
33 Stir from sleep  
34 Winter droppings  
36 Improve  
38 Wiser  
41 Medicinal herb  
42 As if afloat  
47 Bauble  
49 Impose a bias upon  
52 Motor or mechanism starter  
54 Knock-out gas  
55 D.C. office of note  
56 Constellation near Carina  
57 Clapton or Ambler  
58 Scorch  
60 Employ  
61 Sicilian volcano  
62 Stagger  
65 Assist

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